

Restoring A Healthy Christian Work Ethic

2THS 3:6-15; 1TIM 5:3-16; ACT 6:1-7; EPH 4:28; GAL 6:1-10; JAS 5:19-20

INTRODUCTION:

Working hard together



✪ While we wait for Jesus, there is still _____ to be done together.

1. Paul was confident that the Thessalonians were _____, submissive and obedient. (*2THS 3:4; 1THS 4:10; also PHM 1:21*)
2. Paul heard that the Thessalonian church had members who were not _____. (*vv6, 11*)
3. So, Paul commanded the church to stop _____ them in their idleness. (*v6*)
4. The Thessalonian church had been taught a _____ Christian work ethic. (*vv7-10*)
 - a. A coasting member becomes a _____ to the church. (*v8; 1TIM 5:16*)
 - b. The missionaries gave up their rights in order _____ others. (*v9; 1COR 9:12; 2COR 11:9*)
 - c. The 'healthy life' principle was "If anyone is _____ to work, let him not eat". (*v10*)
5. Those who are idle in the right ways quickly become _____ in the wrong ways. (*v11*)
6. So, Paul commanded the church to _____ this problematic, dangerous pattern. (*v12-13*)
 - a. Encourage and _____ each member to work quietly and earn a living. (*EPH 4:28*)
 - b. Continue working hard as an _____ for others.
 - c. Patiently _____ your brothers in this area of Christianity. (*LK 18:1; 2COR 4:1, 16; EPH 3:13; GAL 6:9*)
7. Refusal to work is _____ and, therefore, a disciplinable offense. (*vv14-15*)

CONCLUSION:

- _____ hard quietly yourself.
- Avoid too much _____.
- Avoid _____ who have too much free time.
- Encourage, exhort & _____ others to join you in the work.
- Nurture and admonish _____ back into active partnership.
- Seek the _____ that comes with being on mission together.